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1. "ITU-T Recommendation G.983.1 - Broadband optical access systems based on Passive Optical Networks (PON)"; ITU-T Recommendations Series G, 31 October 1998 (1998-10-31), pages 1-118.
2. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0828400, published March 11, 1998.
3. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1041852, published October 4, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding European Search Report, dated February 9, 2005, issued in the corresponding European Patent Application.

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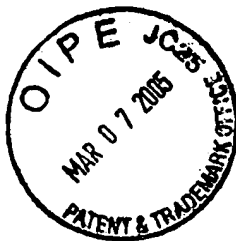
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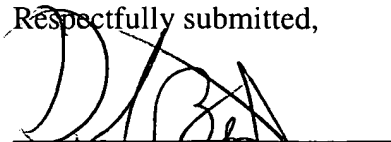
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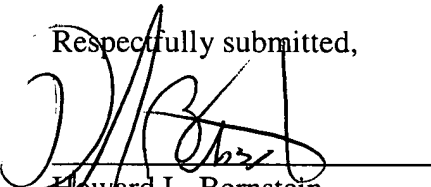
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